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SUBJECT: TWO PUBS BOMBED AND TWO MEN KILLED

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1. TWO CATHOLIC OWNED AND PATRONIZED PUBS BELFAST BOMBED NIGHT FEB. 20. ONE MAN DIED AND TWENTY FIVE PEOPLE SERIOUSLY HURT. NO WARNING GIVEN AND ALTHOUGH TWO LOYALIST SPLINTER GROUPS ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND YOUNG MILITANTS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY, CLAIMS WERE NOT RPT NOT AUTHENTICATED BY CORRECT CODE IDENTIFICATIONS. ONE PUB OWNED BY LONG TIME ACTIVIST OFFICIAL REPUBLICANS WHO FORMER INTERNEE AND THERE HESITANCY ABOUT ASCRIBING SECTARIAN MOTIVES TO BOMBINGS.

2. CATHOLIC YOUTH MACHINEGUNNED TO DEATH AT BUILDING SITE BELFAST AFTERNOON FEB. 20. SPOKESMAN FOR BREAKAWAY IRISH REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST PARTY (IRSP) CLAIMED KILLING PERPETRATED BY OFFICIAL IRA SINCE VICTIM AN IRSP BRANCH CHAIRMAN. A THREE YEAR OLD CHILD WAS WOUNDED IN THIS ATTACK. ANOTHER MAN STILL UNIDENTIFIED BEATEN TO DEATH MIXED ORMEAU ROAD DISTRICT BELFAST NIGHT FEB. 20. HE MAY BE LOYALIST CONVICTED PRISONER WHO FAILED RETURN LONG KESH AFTER PAROLE FOR FUNERAL OF FATHER.

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MOTIVES FOR SHOOTING LURGAN MAN (REFTEL A) STILL UNCLEAR.

SINN FEIN VP MAIRE DRUMM VOICED DOUBT INCIDENTS WOULD CAUSE PROVISIONAL IRA END CEASEFIRE. SHE SEES MORE DANGER TO CEASEFIRE IN ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY (RUC) ACTIVITY IN REPUBLICAN AREAS.

3. OFFICIAL REPUBLICAN CLUBS FEB. 20 REITERATED CLAIMS INDIVIDUALS HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY ARMY AND GUC TO BE TRAINED FORM NUCLEUS OF NEW POLICE ORGANIZATION FOR REPUBLICAN AREAS (REFTEL B). NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE HAS DESCRIBED CLAIM AS "ABSOLUTE RUBBISH". ARMY HAS ALSO DISAVOWED CLAIM. OFFICIAL REPUBLICANS HAVE CALLED FOR BILL OF RIGHTS AND NEW UNARMED POLICE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING ENTIRE NORTHERN IRELAND COMMUNITY WITH RECRUITS CHOSEN FOR SUITABILITY AND WITOUT REGARD TO COMMUNITY QUOTAS.

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